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SUBJ: YEMENI DELEGATIONS IN DJIBOUTI

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1. DJIBOUTI'S TRADITIONAL AND COMMERCIAL TIES WITH THE TWO
YEMENS REMAIN STRONG DESPITE THE NEARLY OVERWHELMING COMPETING
INFLUENCES OF ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA IN THPS COUNTRY. FOR THOSE
REASONS, THE CONVULSIONS AFFLICTING NORTH AND SOUTH YEMENS IN
THE PAST TEN DAYS HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED VERY CLOSELY HERE.

2. TWO YEMENI DELEGATIONS VISITED DJIBOUTI ON THE EVE OF THE
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CAIRO ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL. FROM THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC CAME COLONEL
HAMOUD KATINA. IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CLOSE OF A MEETING
BETWEEN COL. MAHOUD AND PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED, THE GROD
STATE THAT "IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE
OF DJIBOUTI WILL BE ON THE SIDE OF NORTH YEMEN, FOLLOWING
TIES THAT DATE FROM THOUSANDS OF YEARS."

3. NO SUCH STATEMENT FOLLOWED THE 3 JULY VISIT OF THE PDRY
EMISSARY, NASSER ALI, MEMEBER OF THE NATIONAL FRONT POLITICAL
BUREAU AND SOUTH YEMENI MINISTER OF LABOR. NASSAR ALI DID
STATE AT THE CONCLUSION OF A MEETING WITH THE DJIBOUTI
PRESIDENT THAT THE MEETING HAD BEEN "VERY POSITIVE."

4. DJIBOUTI PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ABDALLAH
KAMIL LATER TOLD CHARGE THAT CLEALRLY DJIBOUTI GOVERNMENT AND
PEOPLE ON SIDE OF NORTHERN YEMENIS BUT THAT COUNTRY COULD PLAY
NO USEFUL ROLE IN YEMENI SITUATION. THEREFORE, THEY WOOULD SIT
THIS CRISIS OUT.
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